

## **WORKSHOP**

eParticipation Research Projects: From Theory to Practice

### **SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL EGOV CONFERENCE 2008**

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#### **PRE ANNOUNCEMENT**

As eParticipation applications become more and more a reality in European Union and internationally, new challenges emerge as systems and pilots mature. Moving from theory to practice, issues like policy orientation, legislation coverage at National and European Level, technology management and open source software utilisation, local level participation, steering and evolution of the eParticipation solutions, have to be examined under the light of a maturing domain. Within this context, the Workshop will bring together research projects that are currently being implemented, in order to discuss issues around real problems met and solutions proposed, so that a real exchange of knowledge and experience can be sought after. Specific attention will be paid, apart from policy and technology issues, to implementation-related issues, such as impact assessment methods, quality and risk management techniques, stakeholders engagement, dissemination and sustainability.

The workshop aims at bringing together eParticipation researchers and stimulating discussion among representatives of Enterprises, Governments and European Commission on the practical achievements and current challenges of electronic participation research. To achieve the above goal, central part in the workshop will be given to real-life demonstrations and cases analysis, accompanied by additional relevant contributions from other international research projects in the domain. A number of research projects currently being implemented in Europe and internationally have already been targeted, including:

- MOMENTUM Project (eParticipation Coordination Action)
- FEED Project
- DEMOS@WORK Project
- LEXIS Project
- WEB.DEP Project
- DEMO-NET Network of Excellence
- PEP-NET Network of Excellence

#### **Topics of the Workshop**

Aiming at demonstrating solid research results and accumulated implementation experience, going beyond theoretical approaches, the workshop topics include the following:

- Electronic participation systems at local, national, regional or international level
- Stakeholders engagement processes
- Approaches enhancing participation of minorities in the decision process
- Legislation-oriented eParticipation systems, involving NGO's and representative bodies
- Technologies for eParticipation
- Tools and Platforms for eParticipation
- Argument visualisation and semantic annotation techniques
- New channels of interaction for eParticipation systems
- Applications of eParticipation systems in areas of digital divide
- Applications of electronic democracy in countries or regions with diverse e-capacities
- Legal and ethical issues affecting the adoption of eParticipation systems
- Novel standardisation approaches in eParticipation
- Impact assessment models and reusable case reports on eParticipation
- Project, Quality and Risk Management Issues

## **Call for Contributions and Participation**

Contributions are welcome, in the form of short papers, presentations and especially real demonstrations of practical, result-oriented approaches on eParticipation. Title and abstract has to be sent to the Workshop Chair, by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008, to be included in the conference proceedings.

Selection of contributions will be performed by the Workshop Programme Committee, based on relevance, maturity of the results and overall impact.

## **Target audience**

Target audience includes:

- eParticipation Research Project Members
- European Commission, National Governments and Local Administration Officers
- Industry representatives, interested in cutting-edge advancements on electronic participation research.
- Other registered participants from Industry and Academia, focusing on practical solutions for electronic participation

## **Workshop Organisation**

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